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Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, Tufts University

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Jason Brillon



If this past semester has shown me anything, it is that Omicron is on its way to excellence. The brothers of this fraternity have been putting forth a level of commitment and effort that has led to innovations like *Tufts Gives Back*, revivals of traditions like *Walk to Mordor*, new opportunities like initiating Suffolk University's founding fathers (pictured below), and accolades like "Best Greek Leader" and "Best Service by a Greek Organization." Our effort has led to a spring class with more freshmen than ever before, it's led to revised and revitalized standards, and it's led us to be in a position of great potential for the future.

I see us acting upon that potential. I see the Beta Thetas, our new brothers with excellence, ambition and passion, becoming great chapter leaders; I see the outgoing seniors and our new alumni chairs working together to further engage our alumni network. I see Vice President **Bryan Dumond** making *Get On The Ball* into an annual event, BDD **David Bernstein** revamping fall rush, Secretary **Mitul Rathod** adding depth into our mixers, and Treasurer **David Hernandez** keeping us all in check.

I see the next steps to excellence, and I see us getting them done.

Cordially, Fraternally, and Sincerely,
Jason Brillon

Editor's Note

This issue features information about our newly elected Vice President and BDD, as well as photos and alumni updates. If you have an update to share, please email President@zbtomicron.com.





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Vice Presidential Report

Bryan Dumond



This past semester has been one of new ideas and new initiatives. Many of these were seen from the Judiciary Committee, which was made up of myself, Sergeant in Arms **Zachary Fialkow** and three other brothers. Collectively, we reviewed and revised standards, amended Semi-Annual Brotherhood Review Vote, and paved a path for the future of our brotherhood's administrative aspects. I look forward to seeing the direction in which our work goes under the next Judiciary Committee.

Another area where our chapter saw improvement was community service. Chapter President **Jason Brillon** and I founded a new event for the spring semester, *Tufts Gives Back*. The event allowed Tufts students to give parts of themselves to help the local community. Activities included a book drive, a bone marrow drive and a chalkboard where students could answer the prompt "I Give Because..." With over \$250 raised and 400 books donated at the book drive, with over 50 students entered into the bone marrow registry, and with frankly too many messages on the chalkboard to count, the event was a huge success, one that earned us the Excellence in Community Service award from Fraternity and Sorority Life.

As Vice President, I am excited to maintain the momentum the brotherhood and I set this past semester. As the head of Community Service and Philanthropy, one of my planned projects is setting up a bi-weekly or monthly relationship with Community Servings, a local organization where volunteers can help prepare and deliver meals to the underprivileged. Additionally, I plan to organize *Get on the Ball* with chair **Joseph Cirone** this fall instead of next: I feel that this would be a good way to introduce our younger brothers to one of ZBT's most notable traditions. I also plan to work with the soon-to-be-graduating seniors to help establish a healthy alumni network for ZBT. Overall, I'd say the future is looking pretty bright for our chapter. It's great to be a Zeeb!

Cordially, Fraternally, & Sincerely,
Bryan Dumond

Fun Facts about Bryan

1. My favorite sport to play/watch is basketball – Go Celtics!
2. I'm a Biology major Pre-Med student, with hopes to one day become a cardiac surgeon.
3. I can cook and prepare a dish of pork chops that would make even Rachael Ray jealous.
4. I once got rabies from my piano teacher's dog. Still love dogs, though!
5. In second grade, I won an art contest with my prize being a ride to school in a fire truck.



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Brotherhood Development Director Report

David Bernstein



The Chapter ended its spring semester on a strong note this year. We had two new, alliterative events: the *Race to Rivendell* – a marathon of various activities funded by alumnus **Evan Rothstein** – and the *Path from Pallet Town*, where brothers indulged in the watching of the classic film "Pokémon: The First Movie".

Not only did we start new traditions, but we continued old ones as well. We had the annual Tournament, where freshmen **Andrew Narahara** and **Jonathan Sirota** took first place in the finals. We also said goodbye to our seniors at Roast, where we consumed 18 feet of sandwich while listening to seniors retell old stories and praise/critique other brothers.

The future looks bright for the Fraternity. We appointed **Jake Mittleman** and **Andrew Narahara** as Athletics Chairs, so we are expecting to see a rise in the presence and organization of athletics in the chapter. On the recruitment side, we are planning on refining and reforming our approach to fall rush in order to effectively and efficiently bring new brothers into the house. I, along with previous rush chair **Bryan Dumond**, previous BDD **Danny Diaz**, the current Executive Board, and our two new rush chairs **Morgan Gellert** and **Ryan Hastings-Echo** are already preparing for the Beta Iota class through innovative and fun recruitment ideas. Lastly, we plan on revamping the New Brother Program to make it even more meaningful and effective. I know that we can make the coming semester a huge success!

Cordially, Fraternally, and Sincerely,
David Bernstein

Fun Facts about David

1. I'm an ordained minister of the Church of Life.
2. I graduated *Cum Laude* from my driving school in Atlanta.
3. I'm a biomedical engineer major with a computer science minor.
4. My favorite Pokémon is a three-way tie between Lucario, Sceptile, and Gallade.
5. I once did Zumba at 4 in the morning. It wasn't nearly as bad as I thought it would be.



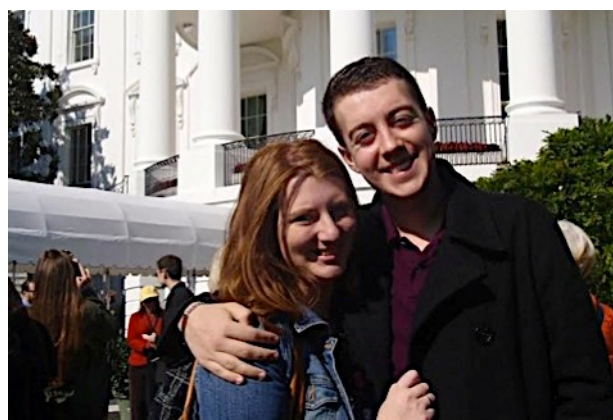
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Announcements



Congratulations to Jon Garbose (Alpha Chi) and Rebecca Matyas (A'13) on their recent engagement!



Ezra Dunkle-Polier (Beta Delta) recently got engaged to Anya Gelernt (A'13). Best wishes to the both of you!

On Thanksgiving Day, J Kendal Wolf (Sigma) became engaged to Colleen Oakes of Salem, OR. The two live in Suva, Fiji, where Kendal is a consultant for international organizations in the Pacific region.



Best of luck to Omicron's 15 recent graduates from the Class of 2014! Thank you for your hard work over the past few years and best of luck in the near future!





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